

Appl. No. 10/065,970
Docket No. GEM-0066 / 126995

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application. Claims 1-26 stand rejected. Claims 27-31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's comments regarding the allowability of the noted claims. Applicant has canceled all rejected claims without prejudice, and has rewritten Claim 27 in independent form including all of the limitations of the parent claim, thereby leaving only the previously identified allowable Claims 27-31 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) have been obviated, that no new matter has been entered, and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-3, 9-11, 17-18, 20 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Jenness et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,373,300, hereinafter Jenness).

Applicant obviates this rejection for the following reasons.

Applicant has canceled Claims 1-3, 9-11, 17-18, 20 and 26, thereby obviating this rejection.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 4-8, 12-16, 19 and 21-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jenness in view of Doherty et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,567,277, hereinafter Doherty).

Applicant obviates this rejection for the following reasons.

Applicant has canceled Claims 4-8, 12-16, 19 and 21-25, thereby obviating this rejection.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that Claims 27-31 are allowable and respectfully requests notice of allowance thereof.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-0845.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time that is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-identified Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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